

# BECAUSE HE WAS BROKEN-HEARTED OVER FAILURE OF SERIOUS WORK, GUS DIRKS, BUG ARTIST, SHOT HIMSELF.



## Young Artist Ceased to Derive Amusement from Drawing "Funny Little Bugs," Which Gave So Much Pleasure to Others.

Men who knew Gus Dirks best say that the young artist took his life because he did not succeed in his more serious work. They say that he was tired of being known as the "bug artist."

"Oh, you are the man who draws those funny little bugs," was the salutation that followed an introduction to a new acquaintance, and he was tired of it all. He tried to forget all he ever knew about drawing bugs, but nobody would let him do so.

Gus Dirks was more than a drawer of "funny little bugs." He was a delicate satirist. His little pictures were harmless satires on men and women and their doings. They provoked first a laugh and then a train of thought. His humor was genuine and spontaneous, but the impression was lasting.

The young artist loved his little bug world before it became a nightmare to him. Insects to him were not mere plagues. He watched them and their life, and saw in them an intelligence that none but an artist or poet could see.

His bugs were real. He drew them as he imagined them and with a perfect regard to their physical characteristics. His beetles, grasshoppers and frogs were real ones. His

drawing was perfect. Mr. Dirks came to New York about four years ago, a lad of eighteen. His bug pictures were an instant success. He made money and saved it. He made a good fellow, but not irresponsible. He never wasted and never wanted. A year ago he bought and paid for a splendid farm in Wisconsin, where his parents now live.

The bug pictures amused not only the young. Hundreds of grown men and women have them today pasted up in scrap albums.

They aroused in the young a feeling for animals that a hundred lectures would not have done. A story is told of one little girl who, after having a series of pictures explained to her said: "Why, they do have feelings don't they. I'll never be cruel to bugs again, and they really do have homes and little babies just like other folks." A year ago he bought and paid for a splendid farm in Wisconsin, where his parents now live.

How the Artist Worked. He worked whenever he felt that he should. He would sit in an easy chair for hours drawing the tiny creatures and when tired would fall asleep. When he awoke he would finish up work he was at. He loved an irregular life, sleeping, eating, drinking, when he felt like it. He frequently worked all night and slept half the day. He had no excesses and had no patience with those that had.

Gus Dirks's bug pictures made him supported him and perhaps killed him.

## ASK FOR SCHOOL BIDS.

New Buildings to Be Erected in Manhattan and Bronx.

The Department of Education today advertised for bids for the construction of the De Witt Clinton High School, on Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, between Livingston place and First avenue, Manhattan. The cost of the school will be about \$600,000. The bids will be opened June 25. The amount of security required is \$25,000, and the time of completion 300 working days.

On June 20 the Department will open bids for the construction of Public School No. 145, at One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street and Clinton avenue, The Bronx. The amount of security required for this school is \$100,000.

## MOURNING LOST HUSBAND, SHE ENDS LIFE UNDER TRAIN.

Widow Often Seen with Sprinkling Can at Cemetery Commits Suicide.

Garbed in widow's weeds a handsome, middle-aged woman threw herself in front of a Sheepshead Bay train near Evergreen Cemetery, Brooklyn, to-day. She was instantly killed.

Search of the clothing revealed nothing to establish the woman's identity but a wedding ring bearing the inscription: "I. B. to M. K., Oct. 20, '83."

From the story told by Frank Hausman, watchman at the Bushwick avenue crossing, the woman's suicide was due to grief over the loss of some loved one. Hausman had seen her pass his hut several mornings. She usually carried a small watering can, as though she were going to tend a grave in the cemetery near by. Often she would weep and wring her hands. The watch-

man said he would have thought her demented but for the carefulness of her attire. She did not wear a veil, but her hat was of black straw and all her garments of somber hue, though of stylish cut.

Engineer Frank Thorpe of the Sheepshead Bay train saw the woman walking toward him down the tracks at 7 o'clock this morning. He sounded a warning whistle, but when the woman paid no heed he threw open the sand box and put on the air brakes. The engine slid along the tracks and Thorpe saw the woman throw herself headlong to her death. The forward wheels passed over her body, crushing it out of human semblance.

Ambulance Surgeon Deming, of the German Hospital, viewed the body and ordered it removed to the Hamburg avenue station. At Long Island City the engineer and the conductor, William Hart, reported the suicide to the police and were placed under arrest but paroled.

## INCORRIGIBLE WAS CAUGHT.

Elusive Runaway Girl Found in Jersey City, Her Hiding Place.

Annie Peoples, thirteen years old and incorrigible, was arrested in Jersey City to-day and sent by Chief Murphy to the Gerry Society, this city. Annie's parents live at No. 126 West street, Manhattan, but they long ago lost con-

trol over her. She prefers to run about Chinatown, and for the past six months has been seldom at home.

The police have been looking for her, but she evaded them by going to Jersey City. This forenoon, Miss Day, Secretary of the State Board of Children's Guardians, of New Jersey, saw her in the Pennsylvania ferry house trying to beg her way to New York. She called a policeman and had her arrested. Annie will now be sent to a reformatory.

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## MRS. MARY DENNER'S BODY FOUND IN THE EAST RIVER.

Bride of a Few Months Committed Suicide After Quarrel with Husband.



The body of Mrs. Mary Denner, who committed suicide a few days ago, was picked up in the East River this morning. Charles Denner, the husband, identified the body.

Mrs. Mary Denner lived in Freeman avenue, Dutch Kills, L. I. On the morning of June 4 she jumped from the deck of the Long Island ferry-boat Long Branch after a quarrel with her husband, Charles Denner, to whom she had been married only five months. The woman's maiden name was Mary Koika, and her family lives at No. 67 Prospect street, Long Island City.

Among some of them prominent contributors were Drs. Joseph H. Collins, Ludwig Weiss, R. Abrahams, Emil Mayer, Francis J. Quinn, Heinrich Stern, Charles W. Allen, Smith Ely Jelliffe, W. C. Alpers, Eugene Fuller, Willy Myer, Martin W. Ware, Herman M. Biggs, James J. Walsh, Max Einhorn, J. J. Walsh, J. R. Goffe, A. H. Goette, J. W. S. Gouley, Carl Beck, W. S. Ballard and V. B. Giney, all of New York City.

DOCTORS' BUSY DAY.

Seventy Papers Read at the Saratoga Convention.

(Special to The Evening World.)

SARATOGA, N. Y., June 12.—In the American Medical Association department meetings this forenoon fully seventy papers were presented and discussed at length.

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## SKIN DISEASES

The skin is provided with millions of little pores and glands invisible to the natural eye, yet through these tiny outlets the larger part of the deadly matter that daily collects in the body is carried off. But nature never intended that poisons of an irritating or acid character should be eliminated through the skin, the Liver and Kidneys being their natural outlets, and it is when these important organs fail to perform their functions that these acid poisons are absorbed into the blood and find their way to the surface of the body through the pores and glands of the skin, producing intense itching and burning, inflammation and swelling, and eruptions of every conceivable size, shape and character.

Skin Diseases differ greatly in their general characteristics and degrees of intensity. Red and angry looking spots break out upon some part of the body with a mass of small pustules or blisters, from which is discharged a clear or straw colored fluid, which dries and flakes off in bran-like particles and scales, or forms into hard and painful sores and scabs. The skin often hardens and dries, cracks and bleeds from the effects of the fiery acids, which the blood is continually throwing off. Pimples, blackheads and blotches are evidences of a too acid blood, which has inflamed and clogged the pores.

Skin Diseases being dependent upon the same causes require the same treatment, which must be constitutional and not external. Nothing applied locally to the inflamed surface can bring much relief. The disfiguring eruptions will continue to annoy and pain you in spite of soaps, washes or powders. There is no hope of getting rid of a skin disease except through the purification of the depreciated blood and neutralizing and filtering out of the circulation all poisonous substances and acids.

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## LET "KING OF CATS" GO FREE ONCE MORE

Chevalier Alberto de Cassini Released on Promise to Send the Cats Away After Feeding Them.

Chevalier Alberto de Cassini, the Italian opera singer, who would not, like Tybalt, object to being called "King of Cats," was arraigned before Judge Joseph, in the West Side Municipal Court to-day on complaint of the Health Department. He is charged with maintaining a nuisance by harboring homeless cats.

When Assistant Corporation Counsel Steel asked that the case be laid over, the Chevalier broke in dramatically and exclaimed: "No delay, Your Honor. I am ready. I seek speedy justice and vindication."

The Chevalier accompanied this outburst with many gestures. "I only want to say," he persisted, "that if the Chevalier will promise to send the cats away after feeding them, the Board will not press the complaint."

With a bow that almost bounced his head off the floor, the Chevalier said: "I will accept. When pussy cat come I tell him go away. If he no go, that is different, eh. I no talk cat language, but I do my best."

The Chevalier says he intends going on the vaudeville stage.

## DREAMS OF FIRE, JUMPS TO STREET.

Margaret Wagner, Her Mind Affected by Recent Narrow Escape, Drops to Serious Injury.

Dreaming she was in danger of death by fire, Margaret Wagner sprang from her bed early this morning and threw herself from a fire-escape on the third floor of No. 45 Graham avenue, Brooklyn. She is lying in St. Catherine's Hospital, her skull fractured and her limbs broken.

Two months ago a fire was discovered in the tenement where she then lived with her husband and babe. The woman was so paralyzed by fright she could not move. Two firemen discovered her plight and risked their lives to carry her down a burning stairway. The incident affected her mind and she has since been subject to attacks of hysteria.

This morning her screams awoke her husband. He saw her leap from the bed and followed her into the kitchen to see her throw herself from the fire-escape.

Dies from Injuries.

Robert Lubirsky, 10-12 years old, residence unknown, while working on the subway at Forty-fourth street and Broadway yesterday was hit on the head by a derelict and taken to Roosevelt Hospital, died there this morning from his injuries.

## RECORDER GOFF SERIOUSLY ILL.

Overwork Has Impaired His Health and He Has Been Advised that He Needs Rest and Quiet.

Overwork and worry have impaired the health of Recorder Goff. For two weeks he has been under the care of a physician, and not until last night did he have a refreshing sleep during that period. He hopes to return to the Criminal Courts Building on Monday, but the prospect that he will be able to do so is remote.

The work of the Recorder throughout the winter was continuous. The Patrick trial was only one of the big cases that came before him. He took his papers home with him and labored far into the night.

While his family was in Europe he did not take the care of himself necessary to insure health and the preservation of nervous force. Even after he had been warned that it would be dangerous for him to continue on the bench he remained at work.

While his condition is not alarming, he has been advised that he needs rest and quiet. If it is possible he will be removed to the country to-morrow and an effort will be made to persuade him from his plan of returning to court.

## MAD ELEPHANT IS STRANGLED IN PARK

Great Beast of Barnum & Bailey's Show Went on a Rampage in Tours—3,000 Persons Saw It Killed.

TOURS, France, June 12.—A crowd of about 3,000 persons witnessed the execution at midnight, in the City Park, of the largest of Barnum & Bailey's performing elephants.

The great beast suddenly went mad, broke its chains, tried to kill its keepers while on the way to the railroad station and had to be killed immediately. Two hundred men engaged at the rope which strangled the elephant.

## EIGHT INJURED IN STORM.

High School Graduates Hurt in Ruins of School-House.

DES MOINES, Iowa, June 12.—Four wagon loads of students enjoying a picnic at Coppoc, nine miles south of Washington, this State, were caught by the storm of Tuesday night during their return journey.

One wagon load, consisting of nine members of the High School class which had just graduated, sought shelter in a school-house, which was blown to pieces burying all in the debris.

The injured were: Mildred McAtlin, will die; Charles Chance, recovery doubtful; Myrtle Stewart, Blanche Stewart, Myrtle Shields, Jessie Klein, Gerrie Reeves, Mary Jerrard.

## COUNT ROCHAMBEAU SAILS FOR FRANCE.

French Visitor and the Countess Speak Highly of Their Reception by Citizens of This Country.

Count and Countess Rochambeau, who arrived here several weeks ago to attend the unveiling of the Rochambeau statue at Washington, sailed for France to-day on the steamship Lorraine.

"I cannot say too much of the magnificent reception which has been given to myself and the Countess since we have been here," said the Count on the steamship, "never did I expect such flattering treatment, and I hope some day to be able to do something in return."

"The thing that impressed me most during my visit was when President Roosevelt was leaving the French cruiser Gaulois at Annapolis. The one hundred and five gun salute, Admiral Fournier standing on the bridge, the men lined along the decks, and the figure of our President as he stood up in the boat harked back—all these things moved me so that I admit there were tears in my eyes."

"I was treated royally in Chicago. Mayor Harrison and Mrs. Potter Palmer entertained us. Chicago is, in my mind, an ideal American city. New York is more cosmopolitan, and of the two I like New York the best. My trip to Evanston, Ill., with Honorable Michael Lestock, who accompanies the French delegation and who is a member of the French commission at the St. Louis fair, and that of Chicago, which had given him much satisfaction. Mr. Lestock will return to America next January."

Others who sailed on the steamship were: William Storer, Count de Champagne, Count d'Artois and George B. Rea.

The Countess, when asked what she thought of the American women.

"They are lovely," she said, "some of them are much prettier than I ever thought a woman could be."

Among those on the pier to see the French party depart were St. John Gaffney and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas William Fournier. A few minutes before the steamship sailed the Countess was presented with a large silk American flag, a gift from the Daughters of the American Revolution. In the flag was written in gold letters, "America to France."

and underneath in smaller print, "Fouvent d'Adieu."

Another member of the party, accompanied by his wife, Prof. Conn. of the Columbia University, Michael Lestock, who accompanies the French delegation and who is a member of the French commission at the St. Louis fair, and that of Chicago, which had given him much satisfaction. Mr. Lestock will return to America next January."

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